

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

England & Wales · Charity number 1177221

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-02-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DANGERS AND CONSEQUENCES OF DRUGS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY ENGAGING WITH AND TRAINING RECOVERING DRUG ADDICTS TO DELIVER THE EDUCATION

Activities: We train up people in recovery from drugs/alcohol (and commonly ex offenders) to go into Schools ,Colleges ,Youth Offending Teams and Police Recruit to educate Young People and professionals around the issues of addiction, drug dealing , criminal exploitation and county lines. We also run two supported houses in the Anfield area of Liverpool for people often coming straight from prison.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-30	£97,216	£110,144	-	-
2024-03-30	£97,216	£110,144	-	-
2023-03-30	£100,363	£100,670	-	-
2022-03-30	£92,297	£89,113	-	-
2021-03-30	£86,836	£89,116	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Donoghue	Chair	2019-04-16
Andrew Leece		2020-06-29
Denise Jones		2019-04-16
Vanessa Griffiths		2021-04-27

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

01

04

2024

To

03

2025

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Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

Other names charity is known by

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We also house men and women with serious addiction problems and commonly ex-offenders straight from prison in an abstinent environment.

We house up to nine men and women in our two supported houses in Anfield Liverpool. The residents have a background of homelessness and are often in need of support.

Our charity has a total of 1,200 young people in the project and we had over 570 volunteers.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The two supported houses are being run as per normal.

In 2024 we received funding worth £51,000 over three years, this makes certain that we are very sustainable for at least the next four years. We facilitated three, ten day Choose Life/ Employability course for 24 people in recovery from drugs and alcohol addiction and commonly ex offenders.

We are now on the second year of this funding.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The volunteers are the essence of Choose Life and the project, young people and professionals are amazed at their bravery and commitment to educating young people.

We encourage the more experienced volunteers to encourage the newer volunteers at all stages of training and delivering addiction education in the schools and colleges.

We normally take out three volunteers for every event.

This year we started facilitating event to the NHS staff at Brownlow hill and have also educated Doctors from Merseyside.

We have already facilitated two groups and are looking forward to carrying out more.

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We have had 22 complaints through the course of Clivox's 1st period.

we have also received 22 direct or our residents concerning that three month Sharp non residential rehabilitation unit.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have reserves of £ 61,855.26. Although the supported housing makes a small loss every month we believe we can make up this loss with the other income we have from the trust.

The year is 2012-13. We are in the process of applying for funding and we are now in the process of completing the second phase on the second year of the stated funding.

Although the SUPPORTED HOUSING Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal funds come from Liverpool City Council housing benefits.

Although this does not cover all our expenses with Choose Life bringing in funding we are in a healthy financial state.

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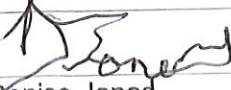
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Steering committee member
Date	22-05-2025	29-9-25

Charity Number: 1177221

**Choose Life The Prisoners
Initiative**

Unaudited Accounts

For The Year Ended 31st March 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
to the trustees of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

of the accounts of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charities trustees of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and I am bound by their code of ethics.

Accounts preparation services were provided by Sefton CVS, my employer, and I as examiner have applied the ICAEW code of ethics to my work.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts reached.

Ian Wright FCA
Community Accountant
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service
3rd Floor, Suite 3b, Burlington House, Crosby Road North,
Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 0LG

Signed: *I Wright*

Date: *7th August 2025*

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

WATERLOO COUNTY PRISON

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Receipts				
Residents Top Up	3,528	-	3,528	6,533
British Gas Support Payment	-	-	-	-
Rental income	85,607	-	85,607	81,652
The Albert Gubay Grant	-	34,716	34,716	-
PH Holt Grant	-	-	-	5,500
Donations	1,698	-	1,698	2,899
Canal & River Trust	-	-	-	632
Total Receipts	90,833	34,716	125,549	97,216
Payments				
Rent payable	34,340	-	34,340	31,595
Promotional Video	550	-	550	-
Utilities	8,983	-	8,983	10,351
Items for properties	4,138	-	4,138	3,545
Salaries	28,157	12,858	41,015	38,421
Employers pension contributions	2,466	-	2,466	2,671
Membership/Subscriptions	385	-	385	350
Maintenance	1,295	-	1,295	969
Managers travel and subsistence	1,198	2,700	3,898	4,504
Volunteers Expenses and subsistence	155	1,800	1,955	1,845
Bank charges	4	-	4	4
Complete Save Charges	384	-	384	345
Council tax	8,369	-	8,369	8,465
Insurance	2,124	-	2,124	2,595
Cleaning	485	-	485	544
Stationary and office supplies	188	-	188	221
Telephone	984	-	984	1,344
Internet and computer software	4,551	-	4,551	1,069
Sundries	82	-	82	31
Room Hire	202	-	202	771
TV Licenses	339	-	339	318
Professional Fees	324	-	324	-
Accountancy	188	-	188	188
	99,891	17,358	117,249	110,144
Net Receipts For Period	- 9,058	17,358	8,301	- 12,928
Net Cash Funds B/F	55,976	-	55,976	68,904
Net Cash Funds C/F	46,919	17,358	64,277	55,976

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Monetary Assets

Cash at Bank	63,988	56,374
Cash in hand	288 -	398
	<u>64,276</u>	<u>55,976</u>

This is represented By:

The Albert Gubay Grant	17,358	0
Unrestricted funds	46,919	55,976
	<u>64,277</u>	<u>55,976</u>

The accounts have been prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis.

These financial statements have been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Chair of Trustees: *S. P. Donoghue.*
MR SP Long Date: *29-9-25.*

Signed:

Date:

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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To date we have educated 140,000 young people, 5080 police officers and had over 570 volunteers.

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This year we have been fortunate to receive funding worth £51,000 over three years, this makes certain that we are very sustainable for at least the next four years.

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Section F Other optional information

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Date	30-05-2023	

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This year we have seen the release of two of the three evaluations we are waiting for.

We have received

Dr Karen Corteen
John Moore's University, Evaluating the Criminology Students.

Dr Cassie Ogden
John Moore's University, evaluating young people.

We are absolutely delighted with the evaluations we have received, and we fully expect the volunteers evaluation to be just as good.

Once we have received the third evaluation we set up a strategy to send it far and wide .

We are still awaiting the evaluation from,

Dr Sarah Nixon
Winchester University, Evaluating the volunteers.

It is hoped we might have a report by the of June.

We have made contact with Dame Carol Blacks team (Jo Tynan) who are very interested and have asked that as soon as the report is ready is too get in touch.

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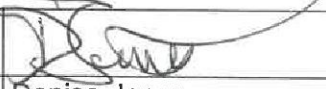
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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
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Date	30-05-2023	

Charity Number: 1177221

**Choose Life The Prisoners
Initiative**

Unaudited Accounts

For The Period Ended 31st March 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
To Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charities trustees of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I am a member of the AAT and I am bound by the code of ethics issued by FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016.

Accounts preparation services were provided by Sefton CVS, my employer, and I as examiner have applied the ethical standard to my work.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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Anthony Deegan MAAT, MICB, Pm.Dip
Finance Manager
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service
3rd Floor, Suite 3b, Burlington House, Crosby Road North,
Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 0LG

Signed:

Date:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts				
Residents Top Up	8,174	-	8,174	7,059
British Gas Support Payment	400	-	400	-
Rental income	73,145	-	73,145	71,931
Awards For All	-	9,340	9,340	-
Grantscape	-	4,960	4,960	-
Rathbone Grant	-	4,000	4,000	-
Workers Education Association	-	-	-	6,012
Donations	344	-	344	932
Big Lottery	-	-	-	9,390
Canal & River Trust	-	-	-	3,548
Independent Initiative Loan	-	-	-	5,220
Total Receipts	82,063	18,300	100,363	104,092
Payments				
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Rent payable	26,505	7,835	34,340	34,060
Independent Initiative	240	-	240	-
Utilities	5,232	-	5,232	2,391
Items for properties	1,660	-	1,660	3,762
Salaries	36,748	-	36,748	31,539
Employers pension contributions	2,818	-	2,818	2,793
Membership/Subscriptions	280	-	280	-
Maintenance	1,840	-	1,840	956
Managers travel and subsistence	2,523	840	3,363	-
Volunteers Expenses and subsistence	710	650	1,360	2,255
Bank charges	7	-	7	-
Residents Top Up	40	-	40	-
Council tax	6,505	-	6,505	3,850
Insurance	1,655	-	1,655	1,079
Cleaning	513	-	513	-
Stationery and office supplies	309	-	309	37
Telephone	660	-	660	546
Internet and computer software	1,008	-	1,008	1,934
Sundries	24	-	24	-
Room Hire	211	1,550	1,761	290
TV Licenses	159	-	159	462
Accountancy	150	-	150	-
	89,795	10,875	100,670	85,954
Net Receipts For Period	- 7,732	7,425	- 307	18,138
Net Cash Funds B/F	77,162	-	77,162	59,024
Net Cash Funds C/F	69,430	7,425	76,855	77,162

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Monetary Assets		
Cash at Bank	69,324	68,609
Cash in hand	- 420	602
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Chair of Trustees: *MR. S. P. DONOGHUE*, Date: *5-6-23*.

Signed:  Date: *5-6-23*.

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

England & Wales - Charity number 1177221

Accounts



Ref	2018 and 2019 Annual Return questions Part A	Question status	Who needs to complete the question	Will the information be shown to the public on the register?
3	Income and spending	No change from previous annual returns	All charities	Yes
4	For the period of this return, where there any serious incidents that the charity failed to report to the commission?	Minor amendment to question wording	All charities with income over £25,000	No
5	Does your charity raise funds from the public?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
6	Does your charity work with a professional fundraiser?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 5	No
7	Does your charity have written agreements with all of its professional fundraisers?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 6	
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9	Does your charity have written agreements with all of its commercial participators?	Minor amendment to question wording	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 8	No
10	Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes

11	During the financial period for this return, did your charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) from central government or a local authority?	Minor amendment to question wording	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
12	How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity have from central government or a local authority?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 11	None
13	What was the total value of the contracts held from central government or a local authority?	Minor amendment to question wording	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 11	None
14	During the financial period for this return, did your charity receive any grant funding from central government or a local authority?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
15	How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 14	None
16	What was the total value of the grants held from central government or a local authority? One	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 14	Nil
17	During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from outside of the UK?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
18	Select countries the charity received income from, or select 'Unknown/don't know if applicable'.	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 17	None
19	What is the value of income by country? For each country specify the source and amount of income from the options:	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 17	None

	<p>a) Overseas Governments or quasi government bodies; (including EU)</p> <p>b) Overseas Charities, NGO's or NPO's</p> <p>c) Individual donors resident overseas</p> <p>d) Overseas institutional donors/institutions (for example private company donations)</p> <p>e) Unknown/don't know</p>		<p>For Individual donors and private institutions (c and d categories) we will apply a threshold of payments of over £25,000 or 80% of charity income.</p> <p>For these two categories, providing the data in the 2018 annual return will be optional, but the categories will become mandatory for the 2019 annual return.</p>	
20	During the financial period for this annual return, did your charity operate outside England and Wales?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
21	Select Countries the charity operated in during the financial period covered by this annual return	No change from previous annual returns	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 20	
22	Record the total expenditure by Country	No change from previous annual returns	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 20	
23	When spending money outside England and Wales, did your charity transfer money other than using the regulated banking system?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10K	N/A
			This question will be optional for the 2018 annual	

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24	What methods to transfer money did the charity use and what was the value? A) Cash courier b) Other charities or NGO's/NPO'S c) Money Service Business (MSB) d) Informal Money Transfer Systems e) Online payment methods (e.g. Paypal) f) Other	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 23 This question will be optional for the 2018 annual return, but compulsory for the 2019 annual return.	
25	Does the charity have monitoring controls in place to monitor overseas expenditure?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 23 This question will be optional for the 2018 annual return, but compulsory for the 2019 annual return.	
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27	Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
28	How many trustees are also Directors of the trading subsidiaries?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 27	
29	During the financial period for this annual return, did any of the trustees received	Minor amendment to question wording	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs)	No

	remuneration or benefits other than expenses incurred?		All other charities with income over £10,000	
30	For what services were any of the trustees paid? a) paid for being a trustee b) paid for providing professional advice or services to the charity c) any other benefit from the charity	Minor amendment to question wording	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	N/A
31	During the period covered by this annual return, did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with the charity?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
32	During the financial period for this annual return, did any of your charity's staff receive total employment benefits of £60,000 or more?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No
33	Enter the number of staff for each of the following salary bands: £60,000 - £150,000 (increments of £10,000) £150,001 - £500,000 (increments of £50,000) Over £500,000	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 32	N/A
34	What was the value of the total employee benefits provided by the charity to its highest paid employee?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	N/A
35	How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did your charity have during the financial period?	No change	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	15

36	During the financial period for this annual return, did your charity review its financial controls?	No change	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes
37	Has the charity obtained a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check on all trustees, employees and volunteers in eligible positions?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000 Question will be triggered for charities with particular classifications and regulated by certain organisations	Yes
Part B				
39	No changes to part B questions that have been asked in previous years	No change from previous annual returns	All charities with income over £500,000	N/A
Part C				
40	Send trustees' annual report and accounts	Amendment to upload functionality. You will be able to attach 3 files or 1 consolidated file - trustees' annual report/accounts/auditor's report	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £25,000	Yes
Declaration				
41	Complete a declaration. It will collect your name, position, contact details and the date.	Minor amendment to the declaration (it will ask for	All charities and CIOs	N/A

		your role)		



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2022	To	31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	We asked Sefton CVS if they could assist us recruit Trustees. They held their normal Trustee information day and asked people if they would be willing to trustee for Choose Life. Fortunately, people volunteered and were elected on by the former Trustees.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Nil.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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The charity's principal funds come from Liverpool City Council housing benefits.

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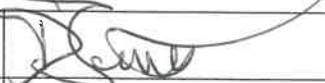
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Steering committee member
Date	30-05-2023	

Charity Number: 1177221

**Choose Life The Prisoners
Initiative**

Unaudited Accounts

For The Period Ended 31st March 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
To Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charities trustees of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I am a member of the AAT and I am bound by the code of ethics issued by FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016.

Accounts preparation services were provided by Sefton CVS, my employer, and I as examiner have applied the ethical standard to my work.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts reached.

Anthony Deegan MAAT, MICB, Pm.Dip
Finance Manager
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service
3rd Floor, Suite 3b, Burlington House, Crosby Road North,
Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 0LG

Signed:

Date:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts				
Residents Top Up	8,174	-	8,174	7,059
British Gas Support Payment	400	-	400	-
Rental income	73,145	-	73,145	71,931
Awards For All	-	9,340	9,340	-
Grantscape	-	4,960	4,960	-
Rathbone Grant	-	4,000	4,000	-
Workers Education Association	-	-	-	6,012
Donations	344	-	344	932
Big Lottery	-	-	-	9,390
Canal & River Trust	-	-	-	3,548
Independent Initiative Loan	-	-	-	5,220
Total Receipts	82,063	18,300	100,363	104,092
Payments				
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Rent payable	26,505	7,835	34,340	34,060
Independent Initiative	240	-	240	-
Utilities	5,232	-	5,232	2,391
Items for properties	1,660	-	1,660	3,762
Salaries	36,748	-	36,748	31,539
Employers pension contributions	2,818	-	2,818	2,793
Membership/Subscriptions	280	-	280	-
Maintenance	1,840	-	1,840	956
Managers travel and subsistence	2,523	840	3,363	-
Volunteers Expenses and subsistence	710	650	1,360	2,255
Bank charges	7	-	7	-
Residents Top Up	40	-	40	-
Council tax	6,505	-	6,505	3,850
Insurance	1,655	-	1,655	1,079
Cleaning	513	-	513	-
Stationery and office supplies	309	-	309	37
Telephone	660	-	660	546
Internet and computer software	1,008	-	1,008	1,934
Sundries	24	-	24	-
Room Hire	211	1,550	1,761	290
TV Licenses	159	-	159	462
Accountancy	150	-	150	-
	89,795	10,875	100,670	85,954
Net Receipts For Period	- 7,732	7,425	- 307	18,138
Net Cash Funds B/F	77,162	-	77,162	59,024
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Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1177221

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Steering committee member
Date	30-05-2023	

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

England & Wales - Charity number 1177221

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 1177221

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Sefton CVS	-	-	3,375	-
Grantscape	2,000	-	-	-
Thomas Howell Grant	-	-	9,000	-
Donations	5,719	-	-	-
Independent Initiative Loan	4,700	-	1,300	-
Other income	-	-	60	-
Residents Top Up	7,573	-	7,112	-
Training Income	-	-	2,100	-
Rental Income	66,844	-	77,202	-
	86,836		100,149	

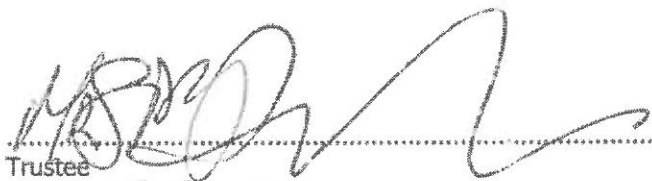
CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE


RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Rent payable	34,005		14,280	
Water rates	-		922	
Gas & Electricity	2,920		2,920	
Items for properties incl electrical	767		1,211	
Computers Software	555		-	
Salaries	37,475		37,394	
Employers pension contributions	945		2,442	
Employers National Insurance	-		3,158	
Website Hosting	312		1,104	
Maintenance	1,925		1,197	
Managers travel and subsistence	-		10	
Volunteers travel and subsistence	645		1,895	
Training	69		21,260	
Room hire	300		-	
Bank charges	2		9	
Accountancy	150		-	
Payroll Services	368		-	
Council Tax	3,823		6,313	
Insurance	1,343		694	
Cleaning	448		292	
Stationery & office supplies	72		686	
Telephone	994		920	
Internet	473		429	
Miscellaneous	-		177	
TV Licences	315		309	
Security costs	75		488	
	<u>89,116</u>		<u>101,676</u>	
Total payments				
	<u>£ 2,981</u>		<u>£ 2,331</u>	
Net payments for the year				
 Monetary Assets:				
Bank	59,041		55,969	
Cash	313		401	
	<u>59,354</u>		<u>56,370</u>	

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
 Trustee				
S P DONOGHUE				
22-11-21.				

DENISE JONES 22.11.21


Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative. For the year ended 31st March 2021

I report on the accounts of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative ('the charity') for the year ended 31st March 2021 .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
From	04	2020	To	01	04 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

Other names charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 1177221

Charity's principal address: C/O The Independence Initiative
64-68 Balliol Road Bootle L20 7EJ

Postcode: L20 7EJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dave Roberts	Chair	1998 -2019	Steering Committee
2	Kevin O'Brien		2017-2019	Steering Committee
3	Gary Groves		2017-2019	Steering Committee
4	Steve Donahue	Chair	16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
5	Denise Jones		16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
6	Simon Donahue		16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
7	Andrew Leece		10-08-2020 ongoing	Steering Committee
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg trust deed, constitution)</small>	Incorporated Body
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg trust, association, company)</small>	Through the CIO
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg elected, appointed)</small>	We asked Sefton CVS if they could assist us recruit Trustees. They held their normal Trustee information day and asked people if they would be willing to trustee for Choose Life. Fortunately, people volunteered and were elected on by the former Trustees. We have had no problems reference our trustees and they are still happy to sit on the board.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

As has been stated we our Chair was recruited and trained through the Sefton CVS. We then recruited one Trustee through word of mouth and asked a reliable and trusted volunteer to also sit as a Trustee.

Chair of Trustees
-
Three Trustees
-

Project Manager, who runs the Project on a day-to-day basis, and reports, On a quarterly basis.

Simon Donoghue has resigned from the board due to work commitments..

The rest of the board remains the same.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charities objectives are to train people in recovery from drugs, alcohol and commonly ex-offenders to go into educational establishments and use their experiential knowledge to educate young people and professionals around the issues of addiction, drug dealing and county lines.

We also house men and women with serious addiction problems and commonly ex-offenders straight from prison in an abstinent environment.

We house up to nine men and women in our two supported houses in Anfield Liverpool. The residents have a background of homelessness, drugs, offending and mental health issues.

We have also trained similar people to go into schools, colleges, youth offending services and youth clubs and educate around the issues of addiction, drug dealing and county lines.

To date we have educated 130,000 young people, 5000 police officers and had over 500 volunteers.

Like every other Charity the Corona virus has hit Choose Life hard, it has stopped our face-to-face addiction education programme completely.

Although this year we are still really struggling to get face to face events we have had about three and had about ten zoom meetings.

Our big priority this year is to get the education part of the project. Evaluated. We are now in the fortunate position of having the project evaluated in the following way:

Liverpool John Moores under the stewardship of Karen Corteen will evaluate the adults educated by Choose Life.

Gloucester University under the stewardship of Sarah Nixon will evaluate the volunteers of Choose Life.

Suffolk University under the stewardship of Laura Polley will evaluate the young people.

Its thought this evaluation will take twelve months.

The two supported houses are being run as per normal.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The volunteers are the essence of Choose Life and the project, young people and professionals are amazed at their bravery and commitment to educating young people.

We encourage the more experienced volunteers to encourage the newer volunteers at all stages of training and delivering addiction education in the schools and colleges.

We normally take out three volunteers for every event.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have had 35 residents through the doors of Choose Life houses.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have reserves of 58,971.85. Although the supported housing makes a small loss every month we believe we can make up this loss with the funding coming in from Choose Life

Although the SUPPORTED HOUSING Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principle funds come from Liverpool City Council housing benefits.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		22-11-21
Full name(s)	Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Steering committee member

Date 01-04-2021